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**Preparation for ICH Meetings in Brussels, Belgium, and ICH 6 Conference
in Osaka, Japan: Public Meeting**

AGENCY: Food and Drug Administration, HHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Food and Drug Administration is announcing a public meeting entitled "Preparation for ICH Meetings in Brussels, Belgium, July 15-18, 2003, and ICH 6 Conference in Osaka, Japan, November 12-15, 2003" to solicit information and receive comments on the International Conference on Harmonisation (ICH) as well as the upcoming Meetings in Brussels, Belgium. The topic to be discussed is the Common Technical Document, GMPs Initiative and Update on other topics for discussion at the forthcoming ICH Steering Committee Meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to solicit public input prior to the next Steering Committee and Expert Working Group meetings in Brussels, Belgium, July 2003, at which discussion of the topics underway and the future of ICH will continue and also to inform the public about the ICH 6 Public Conference in Osaka, Japan in November 2003.

Date and Time: The public meeting will be held on June 24, 2003, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Location: The public meeting will be held at 5630 Fishers Lane, rm. 1066, Rockville, MD 20857.

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Registration and Requests for Oral Presentations: Send registration information (including name, title, firm name, address, telephone, and fax number), and written material and requests to make oral presentations, to the contact person by June 9, 2003.

If you need special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Kimberly Topper at least 7 days in advance.

Transcripts: Transcripts of the meeting may be requested in writing from the Freedom of Information Office (HFI-35), Food and Drug Administration, 5600 Fishers Lane, rm. 12A-16, Rockville, MD 20857, approximately 15 working days after the meeting at a cost of 10 cents per page.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Conference on Harmonisation of Technical Requirements for the Registration of Pharmaceuticals for Human Use (ICH) was established in 1990 as a joint regulatory/industry project to improve, through harmonization, the efficiency of the process for developing and registering new medicinal products in Europe, Japan, and the United States without compromising the regulatory obligations of safety and effectiveness.

In recent years, many important initiatives have been undertaken by regulatory authorities and industry associations to promote international harmonization of regulatory requirements. FDA has participated in many meetings designed to enhance harmonization and is committed to seeking scientifically based harmonized technical procedures for pharmaceutical

development. One of the goals of harmonization is to identify and then reduce differences in technical requirements for medical product development among regulatory agencies. ICH was organized to provide an opportunity for harmonization initiatives to be developed with input from both regulatory and industry representatives. ICH is concerned with harmonization among three regions: The European Union, Japan, the United States. The six ICH sponsors are the European Commission, the European Federation of Pharmaceutical Industries Associations, the Japanese Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, the Japanese Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, the Centers for Drug Evaluation and Research and Biologics Evaluation and Research, FDA, and the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America. The ICH Secretariat is provided by the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations (IFPMA). The ICH Steering Committee includes representatives from each of the ICH sponsors and Health Canada, the European Free Trade Area and the World Health Organization. The ICH process has achieved significant harmonization of the technical requirements for the approval of pharmaceuticals for human use in the three ICH regions.

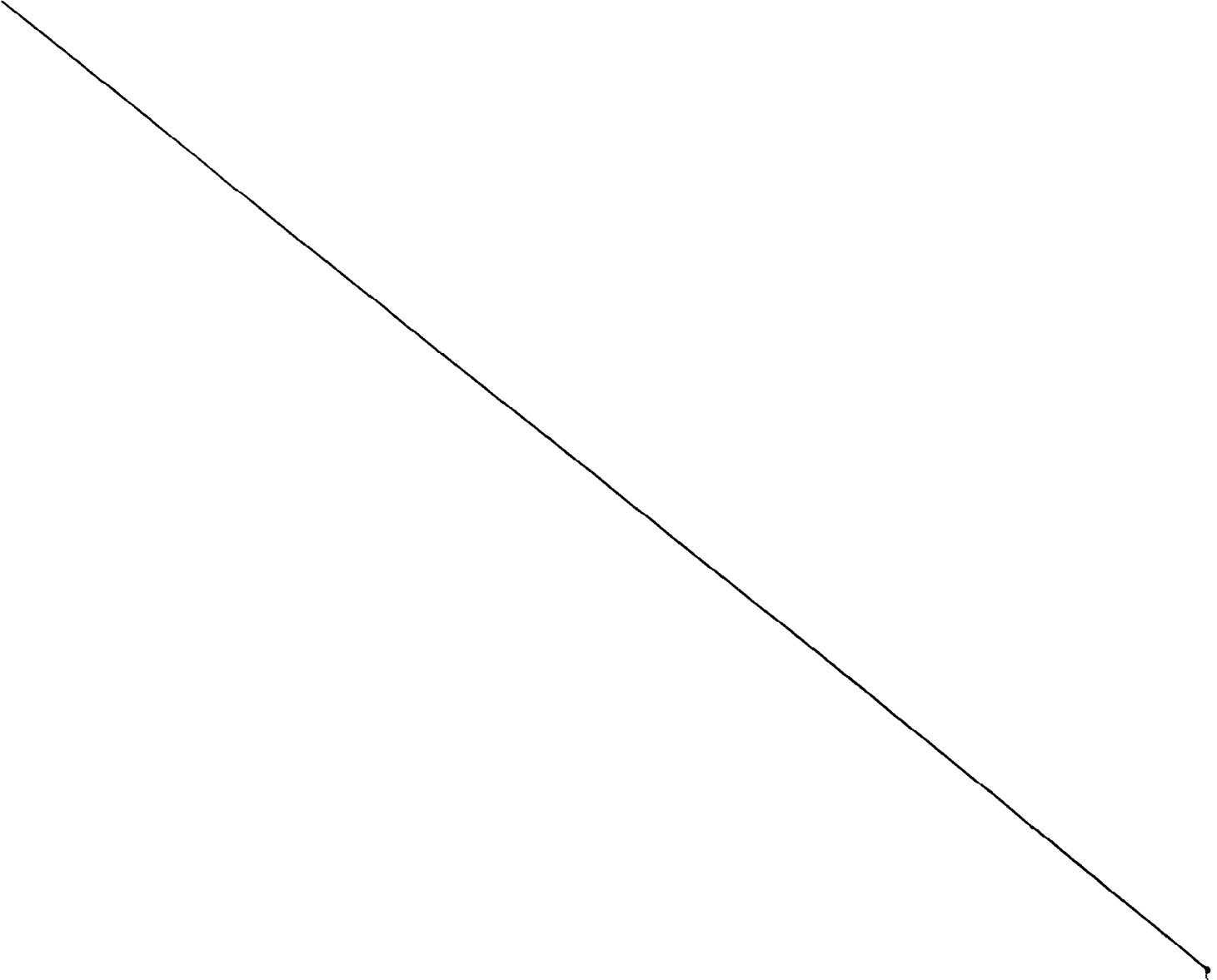
The current ICH process and structure can be found on the Internet at <http://www.ich.org>.

Interested persons may present data, information, or views orally or in writing, on issues pending at the public meeting. Oral presentations from the public will be scheduled between approximately 12:15 p.m. and 1 p.m. Time allotted for oral presentations may be limited to 10 minutes. Those desiring to make oral presentations should notify the contact person by June 9, 2003, and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names and addresses, phone number, fax, and e-

mail of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation.

The Agenda for the public meeting will be made available on June 9, 2003, via the internet at <http://www.fda.gov/cder/calendar/meeting/ich2003>.

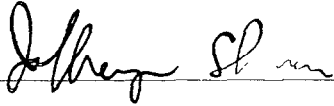
Information on the ICH 6 Public Conference in Osaka, Japan on November 12–15, 2003, can be obtained via the Internet at <http://www.ich.org/ich6bis.html>.



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